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REVISED POLICY - VOL. 36, NO. 1

**AMENITIES FOR PARTICIPANTS AT MEETINGS AND/OR OTHER
OCCASIONS**

[] [OPTION #1]

The Board of Education recognizes the value in providing meals, refreshments, and/or other amenities for staff, students, citizens, advisory groups, who participate in meetings and staff development sessions, or on other occasions as deemed appropriate by the administration.

[] Such amenities may include, but are not limited to, gift cards of a reasonable amount not to exceed () \$25.00, () _____ teacher or student recognition gifts appropriate to the occasion, caps, clothing, educational items, books, or similar items of a reasonable value.

[DRAFTING NOTE: The Ohio Licensure Code of Professional Conduct stipulates that no educator shall accept gifts of \$25 or more.]

The Board hereby affirms that these expenses do serve a valid and proper public purpose. The Board believes that the "public purpose" served is the promotion of education, enhancement of morale, and rapport, and the encouragement of participation in said activities. However, under no circumstances shall public funds be expended for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

The Board further directs the Treasurer to include funds in the annual appropriations for the purchase of such amenities or to reimburse staff who incur such expenses if purchased in connection with meetings, staff development sessions, or other occasions deemed appropriate by the administration. All such expenditures on behalf of the District must have prior authorization by the Superintendent and will be made in accordance with all District purchasing procedures and documentation requirements.



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[OPTION #2]

The Board of Education encourages the providing of meals, refreshments, and/or other amenities for staff, students, citizens, advisory groups who participate in meetings and staff development sessions, or on other occasions as deemed appropriate by the administration. However, such food and amenities may not be purchased using public funds. Rather, such food and amenities must be purchased using entirely private funds and/or donations.

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